

In addition, Applicants' attorney further urges the Examiner take into consideration that the subject matter of each of the claim groups is linked by a common inventive concept. Applicants' attorney asserts that a search into prior art with regard to the invention of the different groups is so related that separate significant search efforts should not be necessary, and there is no serious burden on the Examiner to collectively examine the different claim groups of the subject application. Consequently, the restriction is not proper under M.P.E.P. §803.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants' attorney respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement.

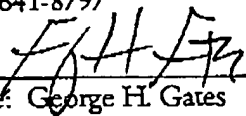
It is also submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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